

Art Films Slated at L. A. Museum

Three outstanding documentary films will be shown at the Los Angeles County Museum at 8 p.m., Tuesday.

These films, the first shown this year in the Museum's Documentary Film series, are: "Adventures of Asterisk," "Art in the Western World," and "The Sword and the Flute."

The first picture is a color cartoon, while "Art in the Western World" features a cross-section of the great masterpieces in the National Gallery, Washington, D. C., and "The Sword and the Flute" uses miniature paintings of 16th century India to illustrate that country's pagentry and religious symbolism. The program will run approximately 70 minutes.

Famous Speaker to Lecture Soon

Judge Harold C. Kessinger, writer, jurist, humorist, philosopher, and public speaker, will be the guest of honor at the meeting of the Executives' Dinner Club of the Torrance Area which is scheduled to be held at the Jump 'n Jack Saturday, Feb. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

The Judge is known as an ambassador of good will wherever he lectures. He is a friendly man who has labored unceasingly in many fields for the betterment of mankind.

Kessinger has administered his court in Ridgewood, New Jersey with kindness and firmness. It has been said of Judge Kessinger that he has more friends in the city, county, state, and nation than any other man in the United States.

His has been a varied career. Besides fulfilling his judicial duties, Judge Kessinger has made outstanding achievements as an editor, publisher, business executive and educator.



FIRE ALARM—Four Torrance fire engines responded to a call from the Church of the Latter Day Saints on 174th St. in the 2000 block. Clouds of smoke issued from the vents in the chapel where a group of some 40 women held choir practice. With the billows of smoke pouring out the door, there went the women. Meanwhile, firemen traced the smoke and found it caused by a faulty electric motor. At right, Custodian Lee Demrell, 1221 W. 168th St., makes a stab at repairing the motor. Above, Mrs. Dean Olson of 16918 Wilton Pl. in Torrance resumes her place at the organ after the eye-smarting interruption.

PE Rips Track

The Interstate Commerce Commission has granted permission for Pacific Electric Railway to discontinue two unused segments of its Gardena-San Pedro Line, the railroad announced today.

There was no opposition to the discontinuance, proposed by the railroad to the ICC last September. The segments involved are approximately one and one-third miles of track between 214th and 228th Sts. in the Torrance area and approximately one mile of track at the north edge of San Pedro between Anaheim and Catun Sts.

Removal of the track will not reduce freight service in the area, Pacific Electric explained. The ICC decision held that the segments "no longer serve any railroad purpose" and that abandonment would result in "no impairment of essential transportation service."

Due to paperwork technicalities which must be satisfied following the ICC ruling, it will probably be four to six months before PE crews can begin actual physical removal of the track.

FAIR TICKETS AVAILABLE

Reduced-rate tickets to the Riverside County Fair and National adTe Festival at Indio now are available from the Indio PTA Council. Adult tickets sell for 75 cents, a saving of 25 cents. Festival dates are Feb. 12 through 22.

We've Seen 'Em

In India the lowest caste of people are known as untouchables. We have untouchables here, too, but they are high-caste-usually running banks. Brunswick Pilot.



Judge to Receive Luncheon Honors

A Testimonial Luncheon will be held in honor of Judge Donald Armstrong on Monday, Feb. 29, General Chairman Fred W. Mill said today.

Mill said business and professional men of cities comprising the South Bay Judicial District are sponsoring the Testimonial for Judge Armstrong who has just completed a term as presiding Judge of the District.

When informed of the news, Judge Armstrong said, "I'm overwhelmed by the news, especially to hear that a man of the calibre of Fred Mill is to be in charge." Mill is Immediate Past President of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and is well known in the entire area as a leader in Boy Scout, hospital, school and Church activities.

Judge Armstrong is a native Californian, born in Whittier. A graduate of the University of California (Berkeley), he has practiced law in Los Angeles County for 34 years, the last 10 in Torrance.

The Judge is Past President of the Torrance Rotary Club and a member of the Board of Directors of the Torrance Memorial Hospital and Palos Verdes Neighborhood Church. He is a Past Director of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and has served on the Board of Governors of the Torrance YMCA, as City Chairman for Community Chest, and as City Attorney of Palos Verdes. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Executives' Dinner Club of the Torrance Area.

Palos Verdes Resident Professionally, Armstrong is a past member of the Board of Trustees of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and a member of the American Judicature Society, American Bar Association, and the Chancery Club.

A resident of Palos Verdes Estates for 25 years, he lives with his wife, Grace, at 812 Via Conejo, and is the father of two children, James E. Armstrong and Mrs. E. D. Hall.

Mill said Co-chairmen from each city in the South Bay Judicial District would be announced next week as well as ticket information.



ENJOY NEW QUARTERS — Don Wilson (standing) holds weekly staff meeting in his office. Left to right are Lee Halison, sales manager; Stan Wilson, vice-president in charge of construction; Gordon Jackson, accounting supervisor, and Virginia Grantham, Wilson's secretary.

Don Wilson Builders Dedicate Spanking New Office Structure

Formal dedication and grand opening ceremonies were held this weekend by Don Wilson Builders at their new office and general administration building. The new structure, located at 2918 Compton Blvd., Gardena, houses all divisions of the corporation: Southwood Construction Co., Escrow Division, General Accounting and corporate offices.

Designed by Glenn Cheshire and built by Southwood Construction Co., the 6000 square foot building cost in excess of \$80,000.

Planning and design were based on the requirements of the firm for adequate space to group all divisions under one roof, yet allow for continued expansion of each division.

Completely air-conditioned throughout, the new concrete and steel building features an exterior of natural stone, cast pebble concrete and glass areas forming wall units. Aluminum screen grilles and heavy cypress wood verticals are interspaced with the wall units to offer contrast.

Striking Decor Dramatic interior treatment is achieved by use of a 20-foot ceiling in the main reception office. Liberal use of cypress and walnut paneling lend color and contrast to rough acoustical ceilings and marbled tile floors.

Immediately off the main reception lobby a suite of four offices houses the Escrow Division. Southwood Construction is grouped in their own wing of the building. Their offices face an attractively planted, open patio which offers maximum light, yet is so designed to afford complete privacy. Accounting also has its own wing, located at the rear of the building away from noise and normal office traffic.

Functional Arrangement In the corporate wing, Don Wilson, president of the firm, has his office. Three walls are paneled in rich walnut. Floor to ceiling sliding glass doors, opening onto a private, planted patio, form the fourth wall. The luminous ceiling is composed of alternating units of plastic and acoustical plaster. Wilson's custom designed executive desk is made of walnut to match the wall paneling. In addition to the desk, one corner of the office contains a built-in twelve foot leather lounge with four matching chairs grouped around a low conference table for relaxed staff meetings. This furniture grouping looks out on the landscaped patio.

Carpeting is alternating panels of deep blue, white and orange strips two inches wide interspaced with black seams. Imported Philippine Capiz shell shutters allow sunlight to filter into the office.

Houses Active Firm Over 6000 square feet of paved, private parking adjoins the building for use of customers and employees.

Don Wilson Builders current 465 unit home development, Southwood Estates, one mile west of Hawthorne Blvd. on Torrance Blvd. is now 92 per cent sold out. Opening soon will be a 335 unit development, Southwood Del Amo, located at Crenshaw and Sepulveda Blvd. in Torrance.

"Our new facilities will enable us to continue to lead the building industry by building better quality homes more efficiently," Wilson said during an interview. "Every phase of a development, from acquisition of land to finished homes ready for sale, is handled under one roof by our integrated operation. This assures buyers of our homes high quality standards, excellent construction, a fine land value, all at the lowest cost possible," Wilson concluded.

New Auto Invention Warns

A warning buzzer to notify motorists when their cars are too close to the pavement edge is now in existence and has been demonstrated before the Highway Research Board in Washington, D.C.

Developed by Electronics-Instrumentation Department, General Motors Research Laboratories, the Electro Lane is analogous to the "beam" by which aircraft pilots maintain course from one airport to another.

Albert F. Welch, head of Electronics-Instrumentation, said the Electro Lane is a simple low frequency (2 kilocycle) electro-magnetic device that could be installed easily in or beside any paved road at relatively low cost. The road system could be powered either by 12-volt batteries or an alternating current power line with 12-volt batteries for take-over in event of power failure. It operates on simple principles.

Operation Explained Low frequency wires parallel either side of the pavement or in case of two-lane two-way roads, one wire could be beside the pavement on the right and the other laid in the center or divider strip. The wires in effect create an electrical fence.

Cars are equipped with ferrite core pickup coils hanging from either side of the front bumpers. Whenever a car veers or drifts toward the right pavement edge or the center strip to the left, one or the other of the pickup coils come within 2 or 3 feet of the buried wire loop.

The coils pick up electrical signals from the wire. These are boosted by a transistorized amplifier until they activate a buzzer on the car's instrument panel. Welch said it would be possible to use a two-tone buzzer, one tone signifying the car is heading left off the pavement, the other indicating the car is running too close to the right side of the pavement.

7 Confederate Widows in Cal. Draw Pensions

There are seven widows of Confederate veterans in California who are receiving pensions from the Veterans Administration, Mort Webster, manager of the Southern California VA regional office, said today.

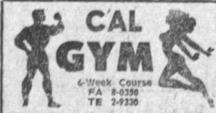
Pensioners are paid to widows of Confederate veterans under a law dated July 1, 1958, which places them on the same basis as widows of Union soldiers in the War Between the States. They receive \$40.64 if under 70 years of age and \$65 a month if over 70, Webster said.

Tax Or Ax? In balancing the budget the big question whether to use more tax or more ax-Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

Pensioners Avoid Red Tape Getting Glasses

Many more pensioners will enjoy the benefits of properly fitted glasses because of increased allowances provided by the California Public Assistance Law. If you are qualified under this state law you can obtain your glasses with complete freedom from worry over necessary, but sometimes confusing formalities by calling at the convenient street floor offices of Dr. J. M. Soss, Optometrist, 1268 Sartori Ave. No appointment is necessary. Simply bring your identification card and the name of your social worker. Soss Optometrists will contact the worker and will relieve you of handling all details in filling out forms, etc. Dr. Soss has served the people of the Harbor Area for 32 years, and he numbers hundreds of senior citizens among his patients. If you are not entitled to state assistance for glasses you will find Dr. Soss' easy payment plan so advantageous that you can start enjoying your new glasses right away with a remarkably small down payment and monthly payments to suit your particular needs.

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